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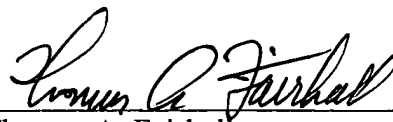
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Dear Sir:

Applicants' previous information disclosure statement of August 17, 2005 is attached. The applicants' representative does not have an initialed PTO-1449 form indicating consideration by the Examiner of the references cited therein. Such consideration is requested. A copy of the non-patent references from the August 17, 2005 were submitted previously but are attached here again for convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants further wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the PCT International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority in PCT/US2004/026391, dated July 14, 2005, copy also enclosed. A PTO-1449 form listing the PCT International Preliminary Report is enclosed.

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